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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-133170, filed May 15, 1998, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is of record in parent application Serial No. 09/190,276, filed November 13, 1998.

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